

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1944 - SB 2451

February 7, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Licensing Independence for Future Tennesseans (LIFT) Act* by requiring licensing authorities under the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) and Department of Health (DOH) to issue a license to an eligible applicant that holds a current, similar license in another state, as determined by the licensing authority in this state, for at least one year prior to the date of application in Tennessee.

Requires the applicant to have passed an examination, or met education, training, or experience standards in the state of license origin. Prohibits licensure for an applicant who has had a license revoked, is currently under investigation in another state, or has been disciplined by another licensing authority. Requires the applicant to pay all applicable fees related to licensure.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- An applicant for professional licensure in this state under the *LIFT Act* is required to hold a current and valid license within a similar scope of practice of the license in this state, as determined by the licensing authority.
- The licensing authority in this state is authorized to deny licensure if an applicant has had a license revoked in another state, is currently under investigation in the origin state, or has been disciplined by another licensing authority.
- The licensing authority in this state is authorized to require applicants under the *LIFT Act* to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state, regardless of if the applicant was required to take an examination for licensure in the origin state.
- Any applicant approved for licensure as a result of this legislation is subject to laws regulating the profession in this state, as well as this state's licensing authority jurisdiction.
- The provisions of this legislation do not surpass any licensing authority's existing reciprocity agreements entered into with another state. Licensing authorities are authorized to continue entering into reciprocity agreements with other states after passage of the *LIFT Act*.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will not impact the ability of a licensing authority in this state to deny or approve applicants for licensure, based on equivalent licensure prerequisites to Tennessee.

- The proposed legislation requires an applicant to pay all applicable fees to licensure in this state.
- No significant change in revenue received by DCI or DOH regulatory boards for fees related to licensure under all authorities.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not result in a significant change to the number of applicants approved or denied for professional licensure in this state.
- No significant impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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